

# Rose Hill Volunteer Times

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*Volunteers form the backbone for many programs at Rose Hill Manor Park, especially the Civil War Reenactment and Rose Hill Day's WW II Living History. Without you, these events could not be possible. But why do you volunteer, what got you interested in this living history? Perhaps some of these folks can provide an insight.....*

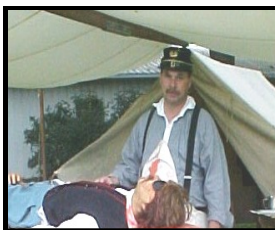
## In the Spotlight!!!

**Civil War Encampment**  
**July 13 and July 14, 2013**



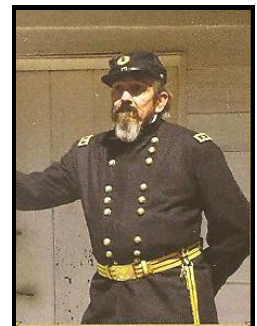
Civil War Surgeons **Matt Ebersole** and **Bob Urban** are unique in medical reenacting and living histories by using mannequins and arm and leg props to do surgeries of the Civil War period. They do "brain surgery, urology, bullet removal, arm and leg amputations, and dentistry and eye surgery with actual instruments of the period and surgical techniques." They also display a museum style collection of medical instruments from the Civil War. Instead of telling, they show!

**Matt Ebersole** was an EMT-B running with Hagerstown CRS. He and a friend joined a re-enacting group—the 3rd MD Regiment and started a Hospital Unit. Several years later he and friend Kirk started doing living history at Gettysburg. Matt is a surgeon with the Field Hospital, Major in rank. He "love(s) doing living history, talks at schools, and demo's."



Matt Ebersole

"My name is **Joe Schafer** from Warminster Pa. I have been in the hobby for thirty two years and served with various units. About eight years ago I started doing living history because schools do not teach that much about the civil war anymore. I'm a member of the Federal Generals Corps where like minded people try to inform the public about things they won't learn in school. I portray Gen Geo G Meade and Rose Hill Manor is the perfect venue for talking to the public and showing what civil war life was like; after all Maryland played a big part in the war when General Lee moved North."



Joe Schafer

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☆☆ How could we offer our festivals  
☆☆ and crafts without all of you  
☆☆ who give your time to help?  
☆☆ Some of you are spouses or rela-  
☆☆ tives of museum workers; most  
☆☆ of you have no one who drags  
☆☆ you along ...you just love being  
☆☆ here. We thank you and could  
☆☆ not begin to list all who have  
☆☆ helped. Perhaps meeting these  
☆☆ volunteers highlights why peo-  
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“I got my first taste of re-enacting at age 5, when I accompanied my father in Civil War Re-enacting. I would dress in a small uniform and march behind my dad as he went to “war”. In 1999, my father decided to research his uncle’s service. Uncle Clyde Jacob Smith, had died on October 17, 1952 in the Korean War at the battle of Triangle Hill. My dad published a book about my great uncle. In 2000, my dad orchestrated a reunion in Hagerstown for all Korean War veterans that knew my great uncle. Meeting these men at age 7 left a huge impact on me. That winter my dad directed me to two of our neighbors who both served in WWII - one in the Army, and one in the Navy. In 2004, I met a third neighbor who served in the Army. I started my own collection of military memorabilia. My father and I set up a Civil War display at the Hagerstown Railroad Museum Heritage Days on June 6, 2002. There I met Mark Cline and Ricky Pike, who were displaying WWII memorabilia. **I was hooked.** In 2005, I set up with Mr. Cline at the Heritage Days in a WWII uniform, and along with Mr. Pike created the Maryland Historical Group. Today, we set up living history displays to portray all wars from the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Centuries. Our main focus is WWII, but I personally feel most connected to my Korean War display because of my great uncle’s service.”

August 17 and 18, 2013

**Mark Cline-** Mark became interested in military memorabilia when he was 12—his grandfather served in WW II and his uncle in Vietnam. In 1990 he enlisted in the Army, but was discharged after only one month of service due to low blood sugar. He was introduced to reenactors and began to set up his own living history displays in 2002. He met Ricky Pike and Phil Mayhue. The three formed the Md. Historical Group. The group grew in numbers and attends 7—10 events each year. Mark is a supervisor at the Frederick based Dixon Machine Shop. Happily married, he lives in Hagerstown with his wife and 2 children.

**Sheila Jones and family**—— “We moved to Frederick County from Connecticut in 2001. With three young children ages 1, 3 and 6, I needed to find some family activities that we could do. We found Rose Hill Manor. We loved participating in all the events. Some wonderful memories come to mind. I remember my son being picked to assist in the magic show at Christmas. When he was older, he even pumped the bellows for the blacksmith. I remember my kids enjoying a ventriloquist at the Halloween fest. I remember the tours and my girls dressing up in colonial outfits and setting the table, or playing with the old fashioned doll house. They loved seeing the animals during events. They learned about processing wool, including carding some wool and watching it being spun into yarn. They learned a lot of history, especially about the Civil War and medicine. My children loved the crafts. My older daughter told me the craft that she loved the most was the cloth dolls. **What makes Rose Hill special? Just look at all the wonderful memories my family has gathered over the years!**

Some years ago, while we were attending an event, one of the craft tables had to be closed down because there were not enough volunteers. I met Nancy Sweet and told her that I would help run that craft table. My husband continued on with the kids. I had so much fun helping with the crafts that I have been volunteering ever since. My kids are now in high school and college, but I continue to help at Rose Hill. **I want others to enjoy and gather the same memories that my family did.** My daughters, Erin and Allison also help out at many of the events.”